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HOLDERS  
Serial No.: 09/731,437  
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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT BEFORE FIRST ACTION

Dear Sir:

It is noted that a "Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application" was provided in addition to the Filing Receipt and License For Foreign Filing for Application No. 09/731,437. The material recited as omitted from the application was Fig. 4. It is noted, however, that Fig. 4 was provided but that merely the label for Fig. 4 was missing. It is known that this is the case because Fig. 5 and Fig. 4 are provided on the same page and Fig. 5 was not cited or noted by the USPTO as missing. Therefore, Fig. 4 was received but was merely not labeled. Please accept the amended drawing which includes a label reference for Fig. 4.

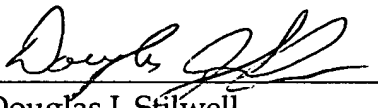
It has been elected to include this amended figure, including a label for Fig. 4 rather than filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.182. As noted by the USPTO, "in the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date

as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the PTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit." Because the subject matter of Fig. 4 was present as an application paper in the PTO on the date of deposit, it is submitted that the addition of the label "Fig. 4" does not comprise the addition of new matter and comprises an allowable amendment before the first action.

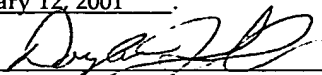
Thank you for your attention to this matter. Further and favorable action on this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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